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COPENHAGEN FOR ASSISTANT SECRETARY STOESSEL

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR, MCAF, NATO, GW

SUBJECT: US/EUROPEAN RELATIONS: BURDEN SHARING

REF: A) USNATO 4979 B) BONN 14801

1. AFTER CONFIRMING REFTEL REPORTS THAT BONN IS SEEKING TO PERSUADE PARIS TO ACCEPT A GENERALIZED REFERENCE TO "OTHER SECURITY/DETENTE NEGOTIATIONS" (I.E. MBFR/SALT ETC) IN NATO ATLANTIC DECLARATION, RELIABLE FONOFF SOURCE CLARIFIED FRG POSITION ON ROLE OF BURDEN SHARING IN DECLARATION.

2. OUR SOURCE SAID AMB KRAPF'S SILENCE ON THIS TOPIC AT  
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OCT 17 NAC SESSION RESULTED FIRST FROM GERMAN WISH THAT

US PRESENT ITS OWN IDEAS AND FORMULATION ON BURDEN SHARING (REF B, PARA 3). HOWEVER, FONOFF INSTRUCTIONS FOR OCT 17 NAC, WHICH HAD BEEN APPROVED BY STATE SECRETARY FRANK, HAD VOICED SUPPORT OF INCLUSION OF SOME CONSTRUCTIVE LANGUAGE ON NEED FOR ALLIES TO FAIRLY SHARE DEFENSE BURDEN. THIS LANGUAGE HAD BEEN REMOVED FROM INSTRUCTION TO KRAPF AT INSISTENCE OF DEFENSE AND FINANCE MINISTRIES, WHICH HAD DEMANDED THAT ANY BURDEN-SHARING FORMULATION MUST EXPLICITLY TAKE ACCOUNT ALSO OF FRG INTERESTS. WHEN ASKED WHAT GERMAN INTERESTS WERE MEANT, SOURCE REFERRED TO "OFFSET/BURDEN SHARING RELATIONSHIP AND SOME OTHER THINGS."

3. COMMENT: BUREAUCRATIC DEBATE ON THIS TOPIC IS CONTINUING IN BONN AND HAS CLEARLY ENGAGED PERSONAL INTERESTS OF MOST SENIOR FRG OFFICIALS.  
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